



That the Statute of 17. *Edwardi 4.* made to prevent the abuses in making of Tyles, not providing sufficient remedie against the great mischiefs arising by the great increase of building. And there being no Law at all touching the making of Bricks.

Thereupon *Queene Elizabeth Anno 10.* did incorporate the M^r. Keepers, or Wardens of the Tylers and Brick-layers of LONDON, and to have the government and ordering of that Art and Mystery, and all things pertaining thereunto, within LONDON, or fiftene miles compasse thereof, with power to make Ordinances: which Charter is thence confirmed by his Maiestie.

The Master and Wardens (among other things) did ordaine that it might be lawfull for them twise every yeere, or oftner, to enter into any place, where any earth or clay shall be digged, within fiftene miles compasse of LONDON, to make any Tyles or Bricks; or where any Chalke or other stone shall be digged, to be vied with the laying of Bricke or Tile, or for making of Lyme, to view the same to be good and well done. And whether every Bricke intended for sale, be in length nine Inches, in bredth foure Inches and a quarter, in thicknesse two Inches and a quarter; every plaine Tyle in length ten Inches and a halfe, in bredth sixe Inches and a quarter, in thicknesse halfe an Inch and a quarter; every Roofe-Tyle in length thirteene Inches, in thicknesse one Inch, with convenient depth; every Corner-Tyle or Couer-Tyle, in length ten Inches and a halfe: That every Sand-Cart should containe eightene Bushels at the least, and every Lime-Sacke a Bushell of burned lime, being knit together, and that it be well burned; with diuers other Ordinances: All which were confirmed by Sir *Nicholas Bacon* Knight, Lord Keeper of the great Seales; *William*, Marques of Winchester, Lord Treasurer of England; Sir *Robert Catline* Knight, Lord chiefe Iustice of England, vnder their Hands and Seales.

But seeing the abuses of this kinde increase daily, to the great labour and expence of the said Master and Wardens:

They humbly pray,

That it may be Enacted, that the Assize of Bricke and Tyle, and the measure of Lyme and Sand, may be obserued in LONDON, and in all places within fiftene miles compasse thereof, according to the said Ordinances.

And that the Master and Wardens, or their Deputies, may enter and search for any defaults and offences, and finding any, to make entry thereof, and of the certainerie thereof, in some Court of their Company, to be held within one Moneth after.

And that every person offending in making, selling, or offering to put to sale any Bricke, Tyle, Lime or Sand, contrary to the said Ordinances, shall forfeite as followeth (*viz.*) for every 1000. of Bricks iij^l. iij^s. 4^d. For every 1000. of plaine-tyl 1ij^l. iij^s. 4^d. For every 100. of Roofe-tyl xij^d. For every 100. of Gutter-tyl, or corner-tyl, xij^d. For every Load of Sand iij^l. 4^d. And for every 100. of Lyme ij^l. vj^d.

And that in lieu of their great paines in searching and viewing, they may haue for Bricks, Tyles, Lyme and Sand, put to sale in LONDON or within fiftene miles compasse as followeth (*viz.*) for every 1000. of Bricke j^l. For every 1000. of Tyles j^l. For every Load of Sand ob. For every 100. of Lyme j^l.

And that they may distraine for the same. The one moyetie to the King, the other to the Master and Wardens: And they to pay the Kings moyetie yeerely in Michaelmas Term into the Exchequer.